

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, the Group I invention, claims 1-11 and 14-20, drawn to a method and device for detection of contamination by specific microorganisms. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims 12-13.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits of claims 1-11 and 14-20 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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